Statement

The details/status of requests received by NCBC from Andhra Pradesh and pending with the Commission as on 22.02.2007

Sl.No	Caste/Community	Date Registered
	Registered during 2005-06	
1	Darvesh (faqeer)	09-06-05
2	Kurmi	04-08-05
3	Chakali, Vannar	06-01-06
4	Devaravandlu Yellammavandlu, Mutyalammavandlu	06-01-06
5	Veerabhadreeya	06-01-06
6	Kalinga	06-01-06
7	Goud	06-01-06
8	Bare, Barai, Marar & Tamboli	06-01-06
	Registered during 2006-07	
9	Bhunjwa, Bharbhuja	25-04-06
10	Gudia	31-07-07

Implementation of welfare schemes

107. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, waking up to the tardy progress of various welfare schemes, the Ministry has initiated fortnightly meetings to ensure expeditious implementation of all programmes meant for scheduled castes, tribes and other backward classes to assess the progress of different schemes and roadblocks faced in their implementation;

(b) if so, whether the decision followed the realization that many schemes were lagging behind the targets as these schemes are sponsored by the Centre and implemented by State Governments; and

(c) if so, to what extent these frequent meetings have been able to

improve the progress of welfare schemes and have helped in implementing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The mandate of the Minister is to work towards the educational, economic and social development of the disadvantaged sections of the society *i.e.* Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, persons with disabilities and Social Defence for Aged Persons and victims of substance abuse. The Fortnightly Review Meeting is an internal exercise to monitor the performance of financial achievement under each scheme/programme so that the timely release of funds to the States/Union Territories/Non-Governmental Organizations/National Institutes may be ensured for implementing various welfare schemes/programmes meant for the mainstreaming of the target groups.

Tribals in the country

108. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) total number of tribals in the country, State-wise and percentage thereof;

(b) how many of them are BPL, numerical/percentage-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether poverty has decreased over the years; if so, its year-wise statistics?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) State-wise tribal population and percentage thereof are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) State-wise details of tribal population living below the poverty line are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at the national and State level from the large sample survey on consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest estimates of poverty at national and State level for Scheduled Tribe people are available from the